

now talking about giving Omaha the power to levy a tax greater than the sales tax in a way, because this amount would be \$6, probably \$8, on every household, not based on any service that you get generated by your needs, but by a flat rate that goes across the board, as Senator Hall had mentioned, making no distinction, taking nothing into consideration that ought to be a basis for charging a different fee. Remember, Omahans already pay for this service through property taxes. Senator Morrissey keeps saying he wants to go to a fee system. What business is it of his how this is done in Omaha? He wants it done that way but he doesn't care what Omaha will do with the money that it currently gets through sales taxes for this purpose. How can he have it both ways? A system is more important to him than the impact on the people. Senator Morrissey, I say to you what Jesus said to some people who didn't want him to heal some guy on the Sabbath. The Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath. Now these solid waste systems are made for the benefit of people. People do not exist for the benefit of these solid waste systems. At least, that is my philosophy.

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And I have lived in Omaha all of my life, and I know how things are done there. I haven't lived in your area, and I haven't lived in the areas where these other senators come from. But when they come down here pitiful and poor-mouthing about the problems they confront and their constituents because they can't vote on this or that, and the state is trying to impose this or that, and they offer a proposition to help them, I support it. I don't say, well, my philosophy overrules what is best for them, and they don't need to vote. But you will say, you don't like that idea of requiring a vote because you think there ought to be a fee system in Omaha. Do you think there ought to be segregation in Omaha? Do you think there should be discrimination in the granting of city services in Omaha? Be concerned about it all. And the more I talk, the worse this bill appears to me in every respect, because I am beginning to see that it does not relate to what is in the best interest of the people, but an attempt to get a program...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...in place no matter who it damages or who it harms, and my job is to fight it.